

Luis Herrera and Carranza Chihuahua Garrison Revolt

FRENCH FORCED TO DRAW BACK VERDUN LINES

ARMY INFANTRY STOOD AND CAPTURED ALLIED POS. ON HAUDECOURT HILL, WEST OF PRINCIPAL FORTS.

RUSSIANS GAIN GROUND

Have Driven Germans Hard in Northwest Russia, Troops Having Been Driven From Three Lines of Trenches Near Lake Narocz.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Infantry and machine gunners of the American expeditionary force in Mexico, under the command of General Pershing, have been ordered to move forward from their present positions in the mountains of Chihuahua, and to occupy the town of Matamoros, which is in German hands.

The American officers report that the town of Matamoros has been occupied by the Germans since the middle of the year, and that the town is in a state of complete ruin.

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Yuan Abandons Idea of Restoring Monarchy; Chinese Republicans Win

PEKING, China, March 22.—The State department tonight issued a mandate announcing that the proposal to restore the monarchy had been abandoned and that the republican form of government would be resumed. The mandate says that the Chinese revolution demonstrates that the demand for a monarchy is not serious and therefore Yuan Shi-kai rejects the emperorship and resumes the presidency.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Officials of the Chinese Republic Association, which is financing the Chinese revolution, said tonight that the resumption of the republican form of government means that the revolution is at an end.

PRIMARY ACT HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY SUPREME COURT

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS WILL BE CHOSEN BY OLD METHODS

OPINION IS UNANIMOUS

ATLANTA, March 22.—The supreme court of Georgia tonight held a session and rendered a decision on the constitutionality of the primary act.

The court held that the primary act is unconstitutional and that the delegates to the national conventions will be chosen by the old methods.

The opinion was unanimous and was rendered by the chief justice.

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COURT ORDERS THAT NORMANNA BALLOT BOX BE OPENED

PLAINTIFFS IN BEE COUNTY LOCAL OPTION CONTEST WIN ONE CONTENTION

TESTIMONY IS INTERESTING

DOVER, N. H., March 22.—Plaintiffs in the local option election contest held their case today in the state supreme court.

The court ordered that the Normanma ballot box be opened and that the contents be examined.

The testimony was very interesting and the court was divided on the issue.

The court finally decided in favor of the plaintiffs and ordered that the ballot box be opened.

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2000 MEXICAN REGULARS DECLARE FOR VILLA Spells Serious Danger For American Troopers Now Chasing Bandits

SUPPLIES FOR FIRE SUFFERERS REACHING PARIS

DALLAS AND OTHER NEIGHBORING CITIES PROMPT TO ANSWER CALL FOR AID FROM STRICKEN COMMUNITY

8,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS

RECEIVED ESTIMATES PLACE PROPERTY LOSS AT BETWEEN EIGHT AND TEN MILLION DOLLARS—THREE LINES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN LOST

PARIS, March 22.—The American Red Cross committee for the relief of the victims of the Mexican revolution has received estimates of the property loss in the city of Mexico.

The estimates place the property loss at between eight and ten million dollars.

Three lines are known to have been lost, and the committee is now working to secure the necessary funds for the relief of the victims.

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FUNSTON FEELS GRAVE CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF PERSHING'S EXPEDITION

FAILURE OF COMMUNICATION WITH FORCES IN CASAS GRANDES SECTION OF MEXICO ALREADY HAD CAUSED DEEP APPREHENSION AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS

MOST SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS MAY RESULT

Should Reported Break in Carranza Lines Prove true the Pursuit of Villa Bandits Would Become Merely an Incident—Twenty-seven Army Trucks Found Abandoned in Desert With Their Drivers Missing

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 22.—Gen. Funston said tonight that he had been informed of Luis Herrera's revolt against Carranza and while lacking official confirmation he had taken precautionary steps toward meeting any aggression along the border.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 22.—(Passed by Censor)—Luis Herrera, until recently Carranza governor of Chihuahua, has renounced Carranza and announced in favor of Villa, taking the field in Western Chihuahua with two thousand troops, according to reliable information received here tonight.

DEMINING, N. M., March 22.—A motorcycle courier from the front reported today, according to a dispatch from Columbus, that twenty-seven United States army trucks have been found thirty miles off the line of the expeditionary line of march in Northern Chihuahua and that their drivers are missing.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 22.—Major Sample, commanding the military base here, authorizes a denial of the Deming report that twenty-seven military trucks had been found in the Chihuahua desert with their drivers missing. He says that all trucks are safe.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 22.—The reported alignment of Luis Herrera with Villa, although unconfirmed, was received with grave concern by Gen. Funston. The long interval between reports from Gen. Pershing already had keyed tension at army headquarters considerably and while Gen. Funston professes the belief that all is well with the expeditionary force below Casas Grandes the report from Chihuahua caused increased anxiety.

It is believed that if Herrera has joined Villa that the international situation might easily become so complex that by comparison the pursuit of Villa would be regarded as incidental. Carranza Consul Beltrán has received no report of the Herrera bolt and laughingly called it, "border rumor."

According to a version current here, however, Herrera was removed from his Carranza command and immediately took steps to alienate his garrison from loyalty to the first chief. Military men believe that Carranza has sufficient loyal troops to drive Herrera from Chihuahua city should he attempt to hold that point. They see a possible connection between Herrera's plan and the interruption yesterday of wire communication between Casas Grandes and Juarez and between Torreón and Ojinaga and south of Piedras Negras today.

Battle May Have Been Fought. What progress Pershing's columns have made since Monday is not known at Fort Sam Houston, but today's reports dealing with Monday's operations indicated that the Americans were close to Villa. Whether Gen. Pershing came in contact with Villa yesterday or today is a matter of guesswork here.

One American aviator is still unaccounted for, according to Pershing's Monday report. Two aeroplanes have been put temporarily out of action by accidents. Gen. Funston says undoubtedly Carranzistas are co-operating with Gen. Pershing, but in their own unorganized way, neither side having knowledge of the other's plans.

DOUBT CARRANZA'S SINCERITY EL PASO, Texas, March 22.—Two days' silence enveloping definite news from the American expedition, gave fresh force to numerous reports of grave disaffection among Carranza troops. It is generally believed along this section of the border that Carranzistas are far from giving real co-operation, although it is admitted that Carranza and some of

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FOUR AMERICANS THROWN IN JAIL AT MATAMOROS

MEXICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES TREAT SAN BENITO IN BRUTAL MANNER, THREATENING THEM WITH DEATH

ROBBED OF THEIR JEWELRY

Released After Three Hours of Confinement and Abuse Party is Fired on as Their Automobile Approached International Bridge

BROWNVILLE, March 22.—Four American citizens visiting Matamoros in an automobile to see the sister of one of the men, who is the wife of a prominent business man of that city. The four Americans were arrested by military authorities at nine p. m. held in prison three hours, robbed of all valuables, including twenty-five dollars. One gave a check for fifty dollars on a San Benito bank, payment on which was stopped today.

While in prison they were cursed and abused. A mob was placed against the body of one man by an officer who used a rifle, saying, "I should kill an American." The men were released about midnight. When near the international bridge a shot was fired by a military officer without warning. The bullet struck the leader of the car which stopped. It was then approached by the officer firing the shot. The party was permitted to proceed later. Reaching this city a bullet hole was observed by police and military authorities. Guards on the international bridge heard the shot and saw the car when returning.

PROTOCOL SOUGHT BY CARRANZA IS APPROVED BY WILSON

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The draft of the protocol asked by the Carranza government covering operations of the American expeditionary force in Mexico was agreed to late today and forwarded to Carranza. Details of the plan were withheld but it was believed operative in a few days. It is known, however, that it is designed to minimize the possibility of misunderstanding between the two governments by setting forth the rights of each in extraordinary circumstances and prescribing, as far as possible, the methods of co-operation to be pursued by Mexican and American troops in pursuit of Villa or other leaders.

Although Carranza sought the protocol its terms are in entire accord with the views of the United States government.

TIGHT CENSORSHIP CLAPPED ON ALL EL PASO WIRES

EVEN COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPH LINES NOT PERMITTED TO HANDLE NEWS

CARS TO JUAREZ STOPPED

EL PASO, Tex., March 22.—The censorship tonight was extended to news dispatches over all commercial wires. Street cars between Juarez and El Paso were ordered stopped at 2.30 o'clock tonight on recommendation of the American military authorities.

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